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1. SUMMARY: ON OCTOBER 26 AND 27, THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG CDU HELD A SPECIAL CONVENTION IN SINDELFINGEN TO DISCUSS ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FEDERAL CDU CONVENTION IN HAMBURG ON NOV 19 AND 20. THE EFFORTS TO "RENEW THE PARTY" WITH MODERATE REFORM PROPOSALS FROM THE JUNGE UNION AND SOCIAL COMMITTEES, WERE UNUSUALLY STRONG, BUT THE PARTY REMAINS ESSENTIALLY CONSERVATIVE AND COHERENT AROUND THE "CENTRIST" LEADERSHIP OF HANS FILBINGER. END SUMMARY.

2. IN SPITE OF HEATED DISCUSSIONS ON ALL SUBJECTS, THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG CDU FINALLY ADOPTED IN MAIN PARTS THE PLANS DEVELOPED BY THE FEDERAL PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR CAPITAL
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ACCUMULATION (VERMOEGUNGSBILDUNG) AND LAND USAGE (BODENRECHT).

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3. IN THE MITBESTIMMUNG QUESTION, THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG MODEL BRINGS IN A NEW ASPECT: IT SUGGESTS FOR THE SUPERVISORY BOARD A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SMALL SHARE-HOLDERS (KLEINAKTIONAERE) ON THE SIDE OF THE CAPITAL OWNERS AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SHARE-HOLDERS FROM AMONG THE WORKERS (BELEGSCHAFTSAKTIONAERE) ON THE SIDE OF THE WORKERS. WITH THIS LINK BETWEEN CODETERMINATION AND ACCUMULATION OF PROPERTY OF THE WORKERS, THE B-W MODEL DEVIATES FROM THE MODEL OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, AS FAR AS NUMBERS GO, IT ADOPTS, LIKE THE FEDERAL CDU MODEL, THE PLAN OF PARITY OF CAPITAL OWNERS AND WORKERS REPRESENTATIVES AND ALSO ALLOWS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO DECIDE IN CASE OF A TIE. THIS MODEL WHICH WAS ALSO RECOMMENDED BY THE LAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS FINALLY ADOPTED WITH 86 TO 42 VOTES.

4. THE SOCIAL COMMITTEES AND THE JUNGE UNION HAD SUBMITTED A SEPARATE DRAFT ALONG THE LINE OF THE CONCEPT DEVELOPED BY KATZER AND BLUEM WHICH WANTS TO INTRODUCE THE "ENTERPRISE COUNCIL" (UNTERNEHMENSRAT). HOWEVER, THE BADEN-WUETTEMBERG CDU WILL NOT ONLY SUBMIT THE ADOPTED MODEL FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE HAMBURG CONVENTION, BUT ALSO A NORTH WUERTTEMBERG MODEL WHICH DEVIATES IN PART FROM THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG MODEL. THE B-W JUNGE UNION AND THE SOCIAL COMMITTEES WILL SUPPORT THE KATZER-BLUEM MODEL IN HAMBURG. MAIN SPEAKERS FOR THIS MODEL WILL BE NEW ELECTED JUNGE UNION FEDERAL CHAIRMAN MATTHIAS WISSMANN, THE B-W JUNGE UNION CHAIRMAN BURKHARD HERZIG, BUNDESTAG DEPUTY KURT HAERZSCHEL AND LANDTAG DEPUTY ALOIS SCHAETZLE.

5. COMMENT: IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE CDU OF THIS LAND THAT THE SPIRIT OF REFORM WAS OBVIOUS. ALTHOUGH DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN THE VARIOUS WINGS WERE GREAT, THERE WAS A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION. JUNGE UNION AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEES DOMINATED THE SCENE AND, ENCOURAGED BY THEIR PERFORMANCE HERE, WILL CERTAINLY ADVANCE RAPIDLY AND CARRY SOME CONSERVATIVES ALONG WITH THEM.

ALTHOUGH THE THIRD LARGEST DELEGATION, THE IMPACT THAT THE 95 DELEGATES FROM B-W WILL HAVE IN HAMBURG AS A GROUP IS
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EXPECTED LOCALLY, TO BE RELATIVELY MODEST. NEVERTHELESS, THE JUNGE UNION WILL BE WELL PREPARED AND, JUDGING BY ITS PERFORMANCE HERE, WILL SEEK TO GIVE THE CDU A MORE PROGRESSIVE DIRECTION AND IMAGE. ALL OF THIS WILL BE INSIDE-THE-PARTY EFFORT WITH NO INTENTION OF SPLITTING OR WEAKENING THE CDU. RATHER, WISSMANN TELLS US THE PURPOSE IS TO PRESSURE THE PARTY TOWARD "RENEWAL OF THE CDU", BUT TO AVOID JUSO, TACTICS AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES. THE SUBSTANTIVE AREAS REQUIRING ACTION,

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IN JU EYES, WISSMANN SAYS, ARE THE ISSUES ABOVE PLUS EDUCA-
TION REFORM AND WIDER INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS BETWEEN
"CONSERVATIVE YOUTH" IN THE FRG AND OTHER COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY
THE EC AND USA. RUCHTI

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